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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION, 37 CFR §1.111

In response to the Office Action dated July 1, 2004, the time period for response thereto being set to expire January 1, 2005, by virtue of the Petition for Three-Month Extension of Time filed herewith, Applicants request favorable reconsideration in view of the following amendment and accompanying remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Applicants' Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.

Exhibits A, B, C, D, E, and F accompany this paper.

A Petition for Three-Month Extension of Time and the required fee accompany this paper.

A Revocation of Power of Attorney, New Power, and New Correspondence Address and a Statement Under 37 CFR §3.73(b) accompany this paper.